

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/530,037

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1 April 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5-10,13 and 14.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/01/2005; 8/11/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Castellano on Wednesday, October 31, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended). An alphabet input apparatus comprising: a key input part having input keys on which predetermined number of 10 basic **[[figures]] symbols**

N, -, P, C, I, >, \, O, Z, and J extracted by analyzing shapes of alphabet capital letters are engraved; a data base part for storing alphabet information coded by a combination of two input key code values sequentially generated by the key input part; and a character determination part for, when a code value is received from the key input part, sequentially extracting respective two input key code values to determine an alphabet corresponding to a permutation of the extracted code values from the alphabet information stored in the database part.

Claim 8 (Amended). The alphabet input apparatus of claim 7, wherein the basic **[[figures]] symbols** allocated to the input keys are

N, -, P, C, I, >, \, O, Z, and J.

Claim 10 (Amended). An alphabet input method comprising: generating first and second input key code values from input keys to which predetermined number of 10 basic **[[figures]]**

symbols **N, -, P, C, I, J, \, O, Z, and J** extracted by analyzing shapes of alphabet capital letters are allocated, respectively; setting a generation order of the two input key code values by a permutation of an input key code value; and determining an alphabet corresponding to a permutation of an input key code value generated from the input keys by reference to database part storing alphabet information coded by the permutation of the two input key code values.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the references found, either singularly or in combination, teach or fairly suggest an alphabet input apparatus and associated with its methods comprising the ten key inputs of

N, -, P, C, I, J, \, O, Z, and J.

3. Kushler et al. USP 6636162 discloses a device that has a numbers and characters associated with its keys with a method of creating a character with a sequential input of its available keys, however Kushler does not teach a device and method claimed, i.e. a predetermined number of specific symbols that uses

N, -, P, C, I, J, \, O, Z, and J to construct another English alphabet symbol of the applicant's invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoai-Quan T. Ho whose telephone number is 571-270-3148. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eisen Alexander can be reached on 571-272-7687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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